

REMARKS

The statement in the outstanding Office Action that claims 1, 3-5, 9, 10, 12-16, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 28, 29, 34 and 38 are allowed is appreciated.

The outstanding Office Action includes a rejection of claims 36 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0150478 to Aoki. This rejection is traversed. However, claims 36 and 39 have been cancelled to advance this application to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original subject matter in a continuing application.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.



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